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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST AD ENERGY AT COPENHAGEN SUMMIT

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SUMMARY: QUAI OFFICIAL DENIED THAT FRENCH HAD INCITED ARABS
TO GO TO COPENHAGEN BUT THOUGHT THEIR VISIT HAD BEEN USEFUL TO ALL.
HE MINIMIZE THE DIFFERENCES AMONG THE NINE ON THE
FORMULATION OF THE EC MIDDLE EAST STATEMENT. HE ECHOED
OTHER QUAI "NON-OFFICIAL" COMMENT ABOUT THE INCOMPATABILITY
BETWEEN FRENCH IDEAS ON ARAB-EUROPEAN COOPERATION AND
THE ENERGY GROUP PROPOSALS. END SUMMARY.

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1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR LEVANT ROUILLON TOLD EMBOFF DECEMBER 19 THAT VISIT OF ARAB FONMINS TO COPENHAGEN SUMMIT WAS NOT "INCITED" BY FRENCH. THE THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT DURING THIS PERIOD WHEN FLYING, UNANNOUNCED, VISITS ARE THE ORDER OF THE DAY, THE ARABS MADE A WISE MOVE FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW. WHILE THE EUROPEAN NINE HAD VARYING REACTIONS TO THE ARAB DESCENT, HE BELIEVED THAT THE ARAB-EUROPEAN ENCOUNTER PROBABLY SERVED A USEFUL PURPOSE FOR ALL CONCERNED. SOME COUNTRIES, NOTABLY FRANCE, WOULD HAVE LIKED TO INCLUDE IN THE EC STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL, ROUILLON SAID, BUT THE LANGUAGE FINALLY ADOPTED IN THE SUMMIT'S CONCLUDING STATEMENT WAS A COMPROMISE SATISFACTORY TO ALL. HE PARTICULARLY NOTED THE REFERENCE TO "THE REQUIREMENT OF SOVEREIGNTY AND THE REQUIREMENTS," DESCRIBING IT AS NEW LANGUAGE FOR THE EC. IN GENERAL, ROUILLON DOWNPLAYED ANY DIFFERENCES OF VIEW ON THE MIDDLE EAST AMONG THE EUROPEANS. HE SAID THAT THE ONLY OFFICIAL ARAB REACTION TO THE LATEST EC MIDDLE EAST STATEMENT HE HAD SEEN WAS FAVORABLE SYRIAN COMMENT.

2. PROTESTING HIS LACK OF COMPETENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE DETAILS OF THE COPENHAGEN CONVERSATIONS ON THE SUBJECT, ROUILLON OFFERED SOME "PERSONAL" COMMENT ON THE FRENCH SUGGESTION FOR AN ARAB-EUROPEAN MEETING AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE SECRETARY'S ENERGY ACTION GROUP (EAG) PROPOSAL. HE SAID THE FRENCH HAD IN MIND (AND THE COPENHAGEN MEETING APPEARED TO HAVE ENDORSED THE IDEA) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CLOSE BROAD ECONOMIC, DEVELOPMENTAL WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE ARAB STATES INVOLVING THE TRANSFER OF EUROPEAN KNOW-HOW TO THE LESSER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, PROBABLY USING ARAB CAPITAL IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. WHILE AGREEMENT ON OIL SUPPLIES WOULD BE PART OF THE PACKAGE, IT WOULD PLAY A SUBSIDIARY ROLE TO THE OVERALL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT EFFORT. IF THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL WAS A "TECHNICAL" ONE DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO OIL, ROUILLON SAID IT MIGHT NOT BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH EUROPEAN THINKING. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF, AS EMBOFF INDICATED, THE AMERICAN PROPOSAL, TOO, ENVISAGED AN OVERALL COOPERATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN NORTH AMERICA, JAPAN, EUROPE AND THE ARABS, ROUILLON'S "PERSONAL REACTION" WAS THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE EC WHICH WOULD BE OPPOSE TO HAVING

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ING ITS OWN LONG-RANGE PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION WITH THE ARABS "DROWNED" IN A WIDER CONTEXT.

3. COMMENT: ROUILLON WAS CAREFUL TO EMPHASIZE THAT HIS REMARKS ON EAG PROPOSAL WERE PERSONAL AND UNOFFICIAL. THEIR SIMILARITY TO THE VIEWS OF ANOTHER QUAI OFFICIAL AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, HOWEVER, REINFORCES OUR BELIEF THAT A DECISION BY THE FONMIN OR PRESIDENT BASED ON BROAD POLITICAL

AND SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS WOULD BE RQUIRED TO SECURE
FRENCH BLESSINGS FOR THE EAG IDEA.
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